Telecast of Parliament News in Telugu

2234. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the time of regional telecast in Hyderabad doordarshan;

(b) whether Government propose to telecast Parliament News in Telugu in the increase telecast time; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The timings of Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad, were increased only recently to telecast more regional programmes.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Technology Mission on oilseeds

2235. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the relevance of the technology mission for raising oil seeds production has been questioned by renowned nutrition experts; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) and (b) A report recently appeared in a section of the Press under a caption "Technology Mission for Oilseeds under fire." The report highlighted certain statements of a renowned nutrition export Dr. C. Gopalan. The export had pointed out that the rich were consuming unduly large quantities of oil and the poor unduly small quantities. While calling for augmentation of oilseeds production, which is the basic objective of the Mission, he had urged intensive health education to highlight the dangers of excessive consumption of fat by the rich. He had also called for greater efforts to make edible oil available to poor ration card holders in the rural areas. In the circumstances, it is not correct to say that the relevance of the Technology Mission for raising oilseeds production has been questioned by experts.

Drought relief to hill districts of U.P.

2236. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the drought relief sanctioned by the Central Government for the 8 hill districts of Uttar Pradesh for the years 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(b) the amount sanctioned and spent for District Pauri Garhwal out of the above amount during the same period year-wise and block-wise;

(c) the details of amount of relief distributed to the people of the said distict in cash or in kind during the above period; and

(d) if no amount has been distributed so far; what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to undertake drought relief measures. The Central Government only supplements efforts of the State Government by providing additional resources. It is for the State Government to determine district-wise allocations for different purposes depending upon the severity of the situation prevailing in various districts. The States are autonomous in the execution of these functions.